

TRADE CERTIFICATION IN ONTARIO

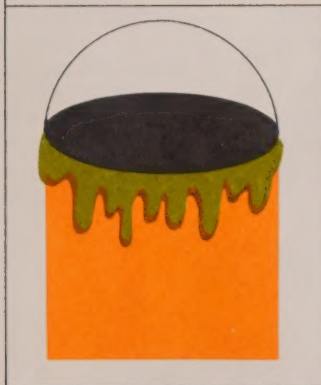
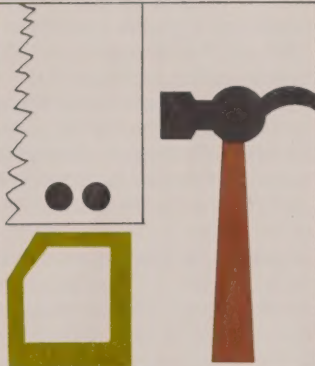
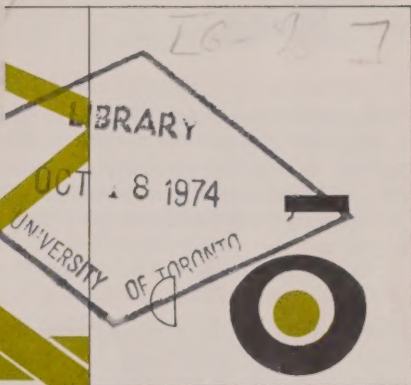
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What is Compulsory Certification?

Compulsory certification means that only journeymen holding a Certificate of Qualification, registered apprentices, and certain persons exempted from the regulations are permitted to work in the following fifteen trades:

Refrigeration and Air
Conditioning Mechanic

Barber

Electrician

Hairdresser

Alignment and Brakes Mechanic

Auto Body Repairer

Fuel and Electrical Systems
Mechanic

Motorcycle Mechanic

Motor Vehicle Mechanic

Transmission Mechanic

Truck-Trailer Repairer

Plumber

Sheet Metal Worker

Steam Fitter

Watch Repairer

Is Compulsory Certification Necessary?

YES. It prevents unqualified persons from working at the trades concerned. This, in turn, provides protection to the public who use the services of these tradesmen, to the employers who hire them, and to fellow tradesmen who are safeguarded from unfair competition by unqualified persons.

What is the History of Compulsory Certification?

Compulsory certification was introduced in Ontario for the Motor Vehicle Repair trade in 1944 and affected motor vehicle mechanic, auto body repairer, and fuel and electrical systems mechanic. Barbers were certified in 1960 and hairdressers in 1963. On November 1, 1964, following the passage of the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act, the electrician, watch repairer, and refrigeration and air conditioning trades became certified. Plumbers, steam fitters, and sheet metal workers were certified on October 1, 1965. In April, 1969, certification in the Motive Power trade was extended to cover motorcycle mechanic, transmission mechanic, alignment and brakes mechanic, and truck trailer mechanic while retaining the original trades of motor vehicle mechanic, auto body repairer, and fuel and electrical systems mechanic. A period of two years was granted to allow qualified tradesmen enough time to establish their certification.

How Do You Qualify?

Tradesmen applying for certification in one of the compulsory trades are required to pass an examination set by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. Applicants must also submit proof from an employer, former employer or other approved authorities that they have had actual on-the-job experience for a period longer than the normal apprenticeship period for their trade. (The apprenticeship period varies according to the skills involved.) Apprentices who complete their apprenticeship in the trades concerned automatically qualify on passing the Certificate of Qualification examination.

Are There Exemptions?

YES. The Industrial Training Branch has made provision for persons engaged in certain occupations which overlap the certified trades.

For example, there are many occupations, i.e., stationary engineers, pipe fitters, oil burner mechanics, gas fitters, drain layers, and sprinkler installers whose duties overlap the plumbing trade. Persons in these occupations work at only a portion of the certified trade; therefore, they cannot qualify for certificates. Under these circumstances, these persons are exempted from the regulations.

Tradesmen in outlying areas who are engaged in several trades are issued with a Certificate of Qualification in their major specialty, and they are granted authority to continue working in the other trade areas provided they observe certain prescribed conditions such as scope of the job, geographical limits, or both.

What is Voluntary Certification?

Those trades not granted compulsory certification may be provided with voluntary certification. In this case, tradesmen may obtain a certificate if they can show proof of training and/or experience and can pass an examination; however, it is not mandatory to have a certificate to practise in this trade.

There are seventeen trades in this category. They are:

Brick and Stone Mason	Automotive Painter
Cement Mason	Farm Equipment Mechanic
Chef	Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic
Dry Cleaner	Service Station Attendant
General Carpenter	Radio and TV Service Technician
Lather	Plasterer
Glazier and Metal Mechanic	Painter and Decorator
Automotive Machinist	Construction Millwright
	Ironworker

The value of this certificate is that it proves that the recipient is qualified in his trade to Ministry of Colleges and Universities' standards.

What are the Benefits of Certification?

Certification has four main benefits:

1. It confirms the skills of certified tradesmen and safeguards them from the competition of unqualified workers.
2. It gives the trades and the tradesmen a good reputation for technical efficiency.
3. It affords qualified tradesmen more opportunities for better jobs.
4. It assures the general public and employers of the competence of tradesmen and protects them from dealing with or hiring inexperienced workers.

How Can You Apply for Certification?

Tradesmen who need or want Certificates of Qualification are advised to contact the Manpower Training Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities at its main office, 400 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M7H 1C2, or the nearest district office listed below.

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